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Remarks

In view of the above amendments to the claims and the following discussion, the applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 102. Thus, the applicants believe that all of these claims are in allowable form.

REJECTIONS**A. 35 U. S. C. § 102****1. Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-10 are not anticipated by Dennison**

Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-10 stand rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dennison (U. S. Patent 880,369 issued February 25, 1908). The applicants submit that these claims are not anticipated by this reference.

Claim 1 is directed to a turntable for a drive for storage media in disc form, with a bore for receiving a motor shaft of a drive motor. The bore is "intended to be permanently fixed to said motor shaft" (see, FIG. 1 and the specification at page 8, lines 4-6). The diameter of the bore is greater than the diameter of the motor shaft, so that there is a gap between the wall of the bore and the motor shaft and a position of the turntable is adjustable in relation to an axis of rotation of the motor shaft (see, FIG. 1 and the specification at page 8, lines 6-22).

With regard to claim 1, Dennison discloses a turntable for a drive for storage media in disc form, with a bore for receiving a motor shaft of a drive motor, wherein the diameter of the bore is greater than the diameter of the motor shaft, so that there is a gap between the wall of the bore and the motor shaft.

Similarly, with regard to claim 6, Dennison discloses a turntable for a drive for storage media in disc form, with a bore for receiving a motor shaft of a drive motor, wherein the turntable comprises at least a first part mounted on the motor

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shaft, which is fixed in relation to an axis of rotation of the motor shaft, and a second part, the first part and the second part being arranged such that there is a gap between the first part and the second part.

Contrary to the present invention recited in claims 1 and 6, however, the turntable disclosed by Dennison does not allow to adjust a lateral position of the turntable or of a part of the turntable in relation to an axis of rotation of the motor shaft. From the description it is apparent that the turntable is designed such that it can be tilted out of its normal position (see, Dennison at page 1, lines 11-17). As can be seen from Fig. 3 of Dennison, the turntable maintains its lateral position in relation to the axis of rotation of the motor shaft. Furthermore, the adjustable part of the turntable is clearly not intended to be permanently fixed to the motor shaft. As stated in claims 1 and 6, the adjustable part of the turntable is freely tiltable away from and towards a bearing. Therefore, claims 1 and 6 are patentable over Dennison.

Dennison is completely silent about any possibility to adjust the lateral position of the turntable or of a part of the turntable in relation to an axis of rotation of the motor shaft. What is more, Dennison does not even state for which purpose the turntable is designed such that it can be tilted. There is no hint that this adjustability could be useful for compensation of tolerances of the turntable. Thus, claims 1 and 6 are also inventive over Dennison.

With regard to claims 7 and 8, as indicated above the tiltable part of the turntable disclosed by Dennison is not intended to be permanently fixed to the motor shaft. Instead, it is designed such that it is freely tiltable away from and towards a bearing. Therefore, Dennison does not show the arrangement of permanently fixing the motor shaft in the bore of the turntable or permanently fixing the second part of the turntable on the motor shaft and/or on the first part of the turntable. Therefore, claims 7 and 8 are patentable over Dennison.

Again, Dennison is completely silent about using the adjustability for compensation of tolerances of the turntable. What is more, Dennison expressly teaches away from the present invention as one object is to have the turntable

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freely tiltable, which is no longer the case when the turntable is permanently fixed to the motor shaft. Therefore, claims 7 and 8 are also inventive over Dennison.

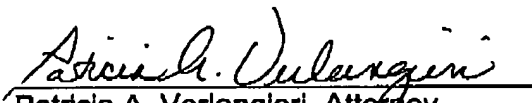
Claims 2, 4 and 9-10 depend directly, or indirectly, from claim 1 or 6, respectively. For the same reasons as stated above for claims 1 and 6, claims 2, 4 and 9-10 are also patentable over Dennison.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 102. Consequently, the applicants believe that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609) 734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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